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In re Application of)
GODWIN ET AL.)
Application No. (Unassigned))
Filed: (Herewith))
For: METHOD OF VERIFYING)
COUPLING OF AN IMPLEMENT)
TO A WORK MACHINE)
Attorney Docket No. 1002-0537)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The following information and attached material are submitted for the Examiner's consideration relative to one or more of the claims in the above-identified application. A PTO 1449 form and a copy, if required, of each item listed thereon are attached.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicant's undersigned representative submits the following concise explanation of the non-English language document cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449:

German Patent No. 1456538 appears to disclose a manual coupler where a pin 7 secures the work implement to a lift arm.

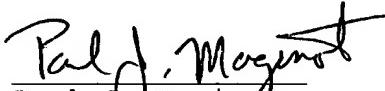
French Patent No. 78 05912 appears to disclose a demolition arm 14 that can be attached to a lift arm 1 without removing the work implement 2.

International Patent No. WO 82/02731 appears to disclose a hydraulic ram 42 that engages a hook 19 of the work implement.

International Patent No. WO 83/03629 appears to disclose a quick coupling device where pair of locking, members 50 engage receptacles 46a and 47a of the work implement 3a.

European Patent No. 0438931A1 appears to disclose a locking member 9 of a coupler that engages a notch 19 of the work implement.

Respectfully submitted,



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